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Dear Sir:

The following comments are presented in response to the August 22, 2002 holding of the non-responsive amendment. The holding of non-responsiveness is based on the cancellation of the elected claims from the parent application. Applicants respectfully traverse the holding of non-responsiveness.

A request for continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) was filed with a preliminary amendment on June 17, 2002. The remarks accompanying the preliminary amendment specifically indicated that the continued prosecution application was being filed to pursue the non-elected claims. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 819, the express election in a parent application carries over to a CPA only "unless otherwise indicated by applicant". As the preliminary amendment clearly stated applicants' intent to change the election, examination of claims 13-36 should be carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

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